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As it persists in waging its military attacks in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to carry out extrajudicial killings of Palestinian civilians in grave breach of international law, including international humanitarian law. The continuation by Israel, the occupying Power, of its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian people under its occupation, especially its unlawful practice of extrajudicial killings, continues to seriously undermine efforts aimed at calming the situation on the ground and reviving the peace process.

On Sunday, 23 October 2005, an undercover unit of Israeli occupying forces, backed by 15 military vehicles, shot and killed two Palestinians, Loai Assadi and Majed Samir Al-Ashqar, in the West Bank town of Tulkarem. In addition to the killings, the Israeli occupying forces persist with their extensive campaign of arresting and detaining Palestinian civilians in grave violation of international law. In this regard, Israeli occupying forces continue to round up and detain more Palestinian civilians throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The Palestinian leadership calls upon the international community to take measures to address the current situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as a result of the ongoing and blatant aggressions being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people. We continue to express our strongest hopes that the necessary measures will be taken in this regard.

It is also important to highlight the letter dated 16 October 2005 and the accompanying report dated 17 October 2005 that were sent to the members of the Quartet by Mr. James Wolfensohn, the Special Envoy for Disengagement. In the letter, Mr. Wolfensohn criticized Israel for behaving as if it had not withdrawn from

the Gaza Strip, by blocking its borders and failing to fulfil commitments to allow the movement of Palestinians and goods.

"The Government of Israel, with its important security concerns, is loath to relinquish control, almost acting as though there has been no withdrawal," he had stated in the letter. Moreover, in the accompanying report to the Quartet, Mr. Wolfensohn warned that the lack of agreement was undermining the prospects for rebuilding Gaza: "Without a dramatic improvement in Palestinian movement and access, within appropriate security arrangements for Israel, the economic revival essential to a resolution of the conflict will not be possible." We call upon the members of the Quartet, and the international community, to exert pressure on the occupying Power to relinquish its control over the Gaza Strip, including the freedom of movement of Palestinian persons and goods, and to actively engage in resolving the host of remaining issues.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 223 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 10 October 2005 (A/ES-10/309-S/2005/640), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 4 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,749. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 25 October 2005 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Sunday, 16 October 2005, to Sunday, 23 October 2005)

Sunday, 16 October 2005

Nihad Khaled Abu Ghanem

Sunday, 23 October 2005

1. Loai Assadi
2. Majed Samir Al-Ashqar
3. Raed Mohammed Shehdeh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,749.